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MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING
of the
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
and the
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

August 24, 2000

1. Call to order.

The joint meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Conservancy Chairperson Elizabeth Cheadle at 7:47 p.m. on August 24, 2000, at Franklin Canyon Park, Sooky Goldman Nature Center, 2600 Franklin Canyon Drive, Beverly Hills, California 90210.

2. Roll call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Ed Begley, Jr., Jerome Daniel, Arthur Eck, Lindsey Kozberg, Russ Guiney, Michael Berger, Vice Chair, and Elizabeth Cheadle, Chair. The following members were absent: Edward Albert, Steve Horn, and Jeffrey Schwartz. Quorum present.

3. Roll call of Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Dave Brown, Terre A. Hirsch, John Karayan, Clare Marter Kenyon, Charles McKenney, Linda Palmer, Anthony Portantino, Timothy Wendler, and Alan Kishbaugh, Chair. The following members arrived subsequent to roll call: Colleen Briner-Schmidt, Mark Johnson, and Fran Pavley. The following members were absent: Kathy Caldwell, Lesley Devine, David Green, Thomas Hasse, Patrick Hunter, Rick Putnam, Don Robinson, Paul Rockenstein, Bruce Saito, Kenneth Warner, and George Lange, Vice Chair. Quorum was present before item 6.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, AICP, Executive Director; Belinda Faustinos, Chief Deputy Director; Laurie Collins, Chief of Legal and Real Estate Division; Rorie Skei, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Paul Edelman, Chief of Natural Resources and Planning; Walt Young, Chief Ranger, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority; Kathleen Bullard, Director of Los Angeles River Center, MRCA; Heather Rothman, Director of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs, MRCA; Kimberly Yanoscik, Executive Secretary, MRCA; and Colby Allerton, Board Secretary, MRCA.

Representing the Office of Attorney General was Nedra Austin.

4. Reports

The Conservancy received a verbal report from the Chairperson.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Paul Edelman, Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Walt Young, Chief Ranger of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, also reporting for Janeen Parker, Chief of Education and Interpretation, MRCA.

5. Comments from members of the public on items not on the agenda and public testimony on all agenda items.

The following persons addressed the Conservancy:

Ginny Kruger, representing Zev Yaroslavsky's office, on item 9.

Paul Ayers, representing the Altadena Foothills Conservancy, on item 7.

Comments were made by the Chair regarding the postponement of the vote for item 7.
Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Jan Miller, member of the public, on Box Canyon preservation.

Dick Held, member of the public, on item 7 and Bell Canyon property.

Comments were made by the Chair.

Richard Wildman, representing the Greater Mulwood Homeowner's Association, on item 7.

Comments were made by the Chair.

Karmen Brower, representing the Greater Mulwood Homeowners' Association, on item 7.

Dorian Keyser, representing the Santa Susana Mountain Park Association, on item 7.

Comments were made by the Chair.

Jack Cunningham, representing Equestrian Trails Inc., on Chatsworth Highlands.

Dorsey Lawson, representing Friends of Eaton Canyon, on item 7.

Loretta Ditlow, member of the public, on item 13.

Comments were made by the Chair.
Questions were propounded by Mr. Kishbaugh and the Chair.
Comments were made by Ms. Ditlow.

Michael Flad, representing the City of Burbank, on item 8.
Mark Persico, representing the City of Calabasas, on item 7.
Sybil Scotford, member of the public, on item 7.
Brian Page, representing Country Open Space, on item 7.
Gordon Murley, representing the Woodland Hills Homeowners Organization, on items 7, 8, 9, and 13.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Liz Blackwelder, representing the La Canada Trails Council, on item 7.
Stanley W. Campcort, representing Vintage Communities, on item 11.
Don Mullaly, representing the Santa Clarita Woodlands Park Committee, on item 5.
Charleen Kabrin, member of the public, on item 7.
Betsey Landis, representing the California Native Plant Society, on item 13.
Alan Fine, member of the public, on item 9.
Howard Fine, member of the public, on item 9.

Comments were made by the Chair and Mr. Howard Fine.

Patricia Bell Hearst, representing the Federation of Hillside and Canyon Association, on item 9.
Joan Luchs, representing the Cahuenga Pass Neighborhood/Hillside Federation, on items 9 and 12.
Steve Twining, representing the Hillside Federation, on item 9.

6. Consent Calendar:

- a) **Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) request technical assistance from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on the Arroyo Seco watershed restoration feasibility study.**
- b) **Consideration of resolution to waive acquisition first right of refusal on APNs 4490-011-002, 4490-011-003, 4490-019-001, 4490-019-011, 4491-001-001, 4491-001-002, 4490-017-002, 4491-002-001, 4491-009-010, and 2292-014-009, County of Los Angeles, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 33207(b).**

- c) **Consideration of resolution adopting the recommendation of the bid committee to award a short-term use permit for classroom space at Temescal Gateway Park to Chabad of Pacific Palisades.**
- d) **Consideration of resolution to waive acquisition first right of refusal on APN 2055-007-924, City of Agoura Hills.**
- e) **Consideration of resolution adopting a records retention policy and recommending the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) to adopt the same policy.**

Comments were made by Ms. Collins.

On motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded, item 6(e) was removed from the consent calendar.

The Chair and Ms. Collins made comments regarding postponing consideration of item 6(e) until the next meeting.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Berger, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution Nos. 00-85, 00-86, 00-87, and 00-88.

(The full text of these resolutions is attached.)

- 7. **Consideration of resolution adopting the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Workprogram 2000 prioritizations based upon the Land Acquisition Evaluation Criteria. [Coastal Zone Item]**

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item, noting that it would be reconsidered and voted on at the next meeting.

- 9. **Consideration of resolution authorizing a memorial designation for Barbara Fine at the Summit Overlook.**

The Chair moved this item up on the agenda out of courtesy to the Fine family.

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

Comments were made by Mr. Daniel, Ms. Marter Kenyon, Mr. Kishbaugh, and the Chair.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Marter Kenyon, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-92.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-92.

7. Consideration of resolution adopting the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Workprogram 2000 prioritizations based upon the Land Acquisition Evaluation Criteria. [Coastal Zone Item]

The Executive Director continued presenting the staff report for this item.

Comments were made by the Chair and Mr. Brown.

Questions were propounded to staff by Mr. Eck and Mr. McKenney.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman, the Executive Director, Mr. Wendler and Ms. Pavley.

Questions were propounded to staff by Ms. Pavley, Mr. Guiney, Mr. Portantino, and Mr. Eck.

Comments were made by Executive Director, Mr. Brown, Ms. Pavley, Ms. Skei, Mr. Eck, Mr. Guiney, Mr. Portantino, Mr. McKenney, Mr. Edelman, Mr. Begley, the Chair, and Mr. Johnson.

8. Consideration of resolution adopting Park Improvement and Development Projects Evaluation Criteria. [Coastal Zone Item]

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Palmer, Ms. Kozberg, Mr. Eck, and the Chair.

Comments were made by Ms. Skei, the Executive Director, the Chair, Ms. Kozberg, Mr. Eck and Mr. Begley.

The Executive Director made comments regarding postponing consideration of this item.

10. Consideration of resolution recommending that the MRCA authorize a grant to the Arroyo Seco Foundation for consultation on the Arroyo Seco watershed restoration study.

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Karayan, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-93.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-93.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

11. Consideration of resolution authorizing an agreement with Vintage Communities concerning Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 49899 and six adjoining lots along Triunfo Creek, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

Questions were propounded by the Executive Director, Ms. Marter Kenyon, and Ms. Palmer.

Comments were made by Mr. Campcort, the Chair, the Executive Director, Ms. Palmer, Mr. Edelman, Ms. Pavley, Mr. Brown, Mr. Eck, and Mr. Guiney.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Karayan, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-81. Mr. Brown, Ms. Pavley, and Ms. Palmer were recorded as abstaining.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Kozberg, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-81. Mr. Eck and Mr. Guiney were recorded as abstaining.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

12. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter on Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Self-Realization Fellowship Church Revised Master Plan, Mount Washington.

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

Comments were made by Mr. Karayan, Ms. Palmer, Mr. Brown, the Chair, and Ms. Luchs.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Palmer, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-95. Ms. Marter Kenyon was recorded as abstaining.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-95.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

13. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to the MRCA for the acquisition of Upper Mandeville (Boeckmann property), Brentwood.

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Pavley, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-96.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-96. Ms. Kozberg was recorded as abstaining.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

14. Legislation: Consideration of Conservancy position on legislation affecting Division 23 of the Public Resources Code.

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

Comments were made by the Chair, the Executive Director, Mr. McKenney, Ms. Kozberg, and Ms. Briner Schmidt.

15. Minutes

The open session minutes of April 27, 2000 were presented.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

The open session minutes of April 27, 2000 were approved as submitted.

16. Closed Session: (The Conservancy may hold a closed session on the following items pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(A), Section 11126.3(a), and Section 11126 Subdivision (e) of the Government Code. Confidential memoranda related to the following items may be considered during such closed session discussions.) Discussion and possible action regarding pending and/or potential litigation: *Village Properties v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.*; *Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.* BS063464; *Tucker v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.*; *Tucker v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority et al.*; *City of Malibu v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.* BC225037; *City of Malibu v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.* BC230410; *Mirharooni v. State of California.*

The Chair called a closed session at 11:15 p.m. pursuant to Section 11126 *et seq.* of the Government Code to discuss *Tucker v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy* and *Tucker v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*.

The Chair reconvened the open session at 11:31 p.m. and announced that the Conservancy received a report regarding legal issues concerning *Tucker v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy* and *Tucker v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*.

17. Members comments on matters not on the Agenda.

Comments were made by Mr. Kishbaugh and the Executive Director on Barbara Fine.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Kozberg on the Marvin Braude Park EIR.

Comments were made by Mr. Kishbaugh, Ms. Marter Kenyon, and the Executive Director.

Comments were made by Ms. Palmer on reckless bicyclists at Wilacre Park/Tree People property.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Mr. Begley, and Mr. Daniel.

Questions were propounded to staff by Mr. Brown on coastal dedication acceptance problems, such as the Quaker dedication.

Comments were made by Ms. Collins, the Executive Director, and Mr. Brown.

18. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on September 28th at the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, AICP
Executive Director

ELIZABETH CHEADLE
Chairperson